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REDEEMING THE TIME

A Defender Hour broadcast delivered New Year's Eve . . .

by Dr. Gerald B. Winrod.

MY FATHER was a man of wide and varied experience. He was deeply religious, a minister of the Gospel. Never a day passes but what I miss him. A few years before his death, he wrote a little book in which he recorded some of his experiences entitled, "Redeeming the Years the Locust Hath Eaten."

He took the title for his book from a verse of Scripture. Joel 2:25. "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten."

My father looked back upon a part of his life, when he was outside the Christian fold, and counted the period as wasted years. "Years the locust hath eaten."

Here are a few words, sober words, from the introduction of his book — a few questions that he asked and answered:

"If conscience torments men and makes them miserable in this life, what must be the agonies of those who cross over into eternity without Christ and without hope? What torture could be greater than to be forever reminded of a misspent past? Can the past be remedied? Can fires of remorse be extinguished? Can past misdeeds be blotted out? Can wasted years be redeemed?"

"My answer," said my father, "My answer, based upon personal experience, is Yes. I have seen the promise made in

Joel 2:25 fulfilled in my own life. 'I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten'."

When we look back, as my father did, we come to appreciate the value, the incomparable value, of time. He deplored the fact that he had ever wasted it. He came to regard time as something precious, something to be wisely invested. This line of thought impresses itself upon us as we cross the portals of the new year.

God already has a large investment in 1954. It costs Him a great deal to make a year.

The Creator remains active in the universe, despite the tendency on the part of some to ignore Him . . . and the efforts of atheists to expel Him from His own creation. Communists have not been able to dethrone Him.

Jesus said: "My father worketh hitherto and I work." In other words, the processes of creation continue without interruption. God created in the past. He is creating now. He is presently engaged in creating a new year. You and I enter 1954 on borrowed time.

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The task of manufacturing seconds, minutes, days, years and light years imposes a heavy responsibility upon the Maker of the universe. It involves a tremendous expense of creative energy. This brings us to meditate upon the fact of divine majesty.

Some people seem to think of God as being a rather ordinary person. They even speak His name in blasphemy. Such people obviously lack capacity for appreciating the majesty of God.

Unless they mend their ways in this life, they will in the after life discover their mistake. God refuses to be dismissed. You can't brush Him off! Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess — either in adoration now or in judgment later.

The official salute of the international Communist party is the clenched fist and upraised arm lifted against the God of heaven. It is a foolish gesture because the Creator continues creating, regardless of the attitude of the creature.

Man is endowed with the elements of free moral agency. He is a rational, self-conscious being. He can accept or reject. He blunders when he thinks to put his puny will at cross purposes with the God of the universe.

"My father worketh hitherto and I work," said the Christ.

Someone has estimated the weight of the earth at six billion tons. Let a mathematician try to calculate how many miles of steel cable would be required to suspend such an object in space.

The cohesive forces that hold the earth and our family of planets in their beaten paths around the Sun must be tremendous. It is not a small thing to keep the wheels of a solar system turning.

Jesus recognized His Father as the Creator and Sustainer of the millions of worlds and systems when He said: "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

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What is the force, the cohesive power that holds the planets of our solar system in a balanced relationship with the Sun and with one another?

I repeat the question. What is the cohesive power that gives exactly the right pull to the planets of our solar system in order to sustain a balanced relationship — a celestial equilibrium with the Sun and between themselves?

We call this force gravity. To be exact, it is known as "Newton's law of universal gravitation." Then the question rises: "What is gravity?" We know gravity exists but we do not know what it is!

Sir Isaac Newton discovered the law of gravitation, thanks to the fall of an apple. But he did not discover gravity. Gravity has not yet been discovered. The law of gravitation talks about gravity, but gravity remains a mystery. The force that suspends planets in space has its origin in the mind and purpose of God.

This is what the writer of the book of Hebrews meant when he said that the Son of God was "upholding all things by the word of his power."

The passage describes Christ, the eternal Son of God, as having been present at the dawn of creation (and I quote): "God hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."

Then the next verse speaks of the worlds being upheld, "by the word of his power."

The earth rotates on its axis and makes seconds, minutes, hours, days and nights. It revolves around the Sun to make years.

But since no machine can create and operate itself, we know that back of all the laws of nature and the forces of the universe there is an intelligent Creator. God is now in the act of making a new year.

Time is precious. It represents a large investment on the part of the Designer and Creator of the universe. We should therefore be careful how we use it. Never speak of killing time, for that would be a form of murder. The year 1954 represents infinite exertions. I repeat, time is precious. God alone knows how to

make it. We should not think of it as "hanging heavily on our hands."

The Apostle Paul was a prophet. He wrote of the days in which we live. He spoke of them as being full of evil. In the book of Ephesians he admonishes us to "redeem the time for the days are evil."

Let me read, please, a little poem that came across my desk some time ago entitled "The Clock."

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late, or early hour.
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed.
To lose one's health is more.
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.

Thirty-nine people died while I was reading this short poem of eight lines. More than three thousand four hundred human beings go out into eternity every hour, somewhere over the world. While time exists you may prepare for eternity.

Ancients who were denied the advantages of divine revelation thought the earth was flat and square, the center of the universe and if you went out far enough you would fall off!

I am thinking of Galileo, who insisted that the earth was round and rotated on its axis. His critics put him in stocks. Suffering excruciating pain, he cried out that those who tortured him were right. He admitted that the earth was flat and stationary. Not until then was he released. But when the ordeal was over and he was being led away, he confided in a friend that the earth had been moving all the time, no matter his denial.

Contrary to these distorted ideas, the book of Job, the oldest book in the Bible, says that God "stretcheth out the north over the empty space and hangeth the earth upon nothing."

Job must have known about the gravitational pull of the planets. He knew that the earth was suspended in space by an invisible cord. He understood the rotation of the earth.

Wise men of the Orient believed the earth rested upon the backs of two elephants who in turn stood on a coiled serpent. We find no such nonsense in the Word of God.

When ancient Greece was at the zenith of her intellectual culture, she thought Jupiter stood in space with a chain in his hand, the other end of which was tied around the earth to hold it steady.

Turning again to the Bible, we find that Isaiah knew, centuries in advance, what secular scholarship finally learned about the shape of the earth. He knew it to be a turning globe. In Isaiah, chapter 40, verse 22, we are told that God "sitteth above the circle of the earth."

The circular shape of the earth is proven by such simple tests as the ship that gradually disappears, hull first and masts later, until it finally recedes beyond the horizon. Also the circular shadow cast on the moon during an eclipse. Isaiah was scientifically correct when he used the term "circle of the earth."

Jesus revealed the same truth when He said that upon His return in clouds of glory it would be morning, noon and night at the same time, in different parts of the world.

Two grinding at the mill — morning.
Two plowing in the field — high noon.
Two sleeping in a bed — night.
Morning, noon and night, instant, over the whole earth.

"The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

Could a universe evolve itself? Can there be an effect without a cause? Can there be a design without a designer? Can there be a creation without a Creator?

The existence of a watch presupposes a watch maker. The existence of a universe presupposes a universe maker.

I never cease to marvel that the great and omnipotent God of the universe should have personalized Himself down on our level with weak, frail human beings. If He is omnipotent, He is also omnipresent.

To the universe He is an Architect. But to the twice-born, spiritually-minded Christian He is — in the language of the Lord's prayer, "Our Father."

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen."

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"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

BORN IN 1774, at Bristol, England, Robert Southey, the English poet and man of letters, contributed much toward English literature, including, "Life of Wesley; and the Rise and Progress of Methodism," published in 1820, and the "Life of Nelson," published in 1813.

Before Southey's death in 1843, he had written ten volumes of verse and forty volumes of prose. This gallant and tenderhearted man penned many lasting truths, draped in unforgettable phraseology; however, his thought on freedom must surely surpass them all. He said: "Easier were it to hurl the rooted mountain from its base, than force the yoke of slavery upon men determined to be free."

I. JESUS CAME TO BRING FREEDOM

The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world to plant the seeds of freedom in the hearts of His disciples. For it was prophesied by Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." (Isaiah 61:1)

He gave freedom to Mary Magdalene, who was bound with seven Satanic forces. And as His body lay in the tomb

of Joseph of Arimathea, He visited Hades, the place of custody after death, to give freedom to those who had found grace in spite of their disobedience in the days of Noah. (I Peter 3:18-20) To men of all ages, Jesus said: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

Those who have followed in His train have sought liberty, often in the face of great trials. One of God's greatest, John Bunyan, was such a man. This past summer I stood by the grave of John Bunyan in Bunhill Fields, London, England. Not only did this man, author of Pilgrim's Progress, the second best seller, make his quest for freedom, but he presented a challenge to all Christians today.

Bunyan was a simple man, who experienced many unhappy events in his search for the truth. When he finally found Christ, and rested his hopes in Him, his troubled soul was stilled.

Believing all men were priests, and the commission of God to "preach the Word" was license sufficient, John Bunyan began preaching Christ at every opportunity in his native Bedford. Those were the early days of the Reformation. Feeling against the Protestants was strong. After refusing to heed several warnings to quit proclaiming his Gospel of freedom in Christ, he was jailed in his native city, November, 1660.

The authorities tried to get John Bunyan to promise that he would not preach, if released from prison, but his answer was the age-old words of Peter, "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29) Time after time, he was brought before tribunals and subjected to all sorts of ridicule and revilings. Once he cried before his prosecutors: "If you let me out today, I will preach again tomorrow." The words of Southey would certainly apply to this man of courage. He was a man determined to be free!

During imprisonment, two books brought him inner peace, Fox's Book of Martyrs and the Holy Bible. Inspired by the stories of these men of God who would not bow the knee to Baal, John Bunyan began writing. He wrote against the dead formalism of the Church of England. His efforts, in time, softened the hearts of some of his judges and accusers.

Like his own "Christian" in the cage in Pilgrim's Progress, he found protectors, even among the crowd at Vanity Fair. The Bishop of the diocese, Dr. Barlow, is said to have interceded for him. On September 13, 1672 the good man was pardoned. Even before leaving prison, he began the book which has made his name immortal. Pilgrim's Progress, the story of a man determined to be free!

II. MEN OF ALL AGES, DETERMINED TO BE FREE

Today, men the world over are again fighting for freedom. Unheard of nations filled with odd people, focus into the attention of the world overnight, because of their determination to be free. I saw that determination in the faces of refugees behind the Iron Curtain. They bring stories of men, little men, who have a determination to be free, in spite of great odds.

Our newspapers are carrying reports from Panmunjom. More than 20,000 courageous anti-communist Chinese and North Korean Prisoners of War await final freedom and the opportunity to avenge the blood of their kinsmen. These desperate men do not seek comfort. Instead they want a chance to enlist with the loyal and courageous Chinese on Formosa, and fight the demon-inspired Communists who have stolen

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their nation and bathed its ground with the blood of friends and loved ones.

Behind a ten foot barbed wire fence in the so-called neutral zone of Korea, they encourage each other to stand up under the interrogations, and keep that determination to be free. The cry the world over is the same. Men, under the awful tyranny of Communism, cry for freedom and opportunity to gain this cherished virtue.

On May 29, 1736 the wife of Judge John Henry of Studley, Virginia gave birth to a son whose name would some day be known wherever there were men determined to be free. A below average student in the Hanover County School, young Patrick Henry proved equally unsuccessful in business. He failed twice as a storekeeper and once as a farmer.

During these unsuccessful ventures he acquired a taste for history and law. This, of course, pleased his father, Judge John Henry, an old Scotchman who served as county surveyor, Colonel and Judge during his Virginia stay. At twenty-four years of age, Patrick Henry was admitted to the bar, after very little preparation. Immediately he became known as a friend of little men.

In 1765 he was elected a member of the Virginia legislature, where he issued in the same year his famous "Virginia Resolutions" which presented a total democratic thought — that the colonies had a right to conduct their own legislative affairs, independent of the British Parliament.

This assertion delivered by a man who was determined to be free, gave impetus to the movement that resulted in the American Revolution. It was on this occasion that Patrick Henry said, "Caesar had his Brutus, Charles the First his Cromwell, and George the Third may profit by their example! If this be treason, make the most of it."

In 1775, Patrick Henry appeared before the second revolutionary convention of Virginia and presented a resolution for arming the Virginia militia for war with England. It was then that he uttered his famous words, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be pur-

chased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

Before his death, June 6, 1799, Patrick Henry spoke many truths that stir the hearts of all men who, like himself, are determined to be free. He said: "Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolators should be a nation of free men. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom. No free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, frugality and virtue; and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

III. SIN BINDS MEN

From the pagan halls of the United Nations in New York with its statuary giving honor to the Greek god Zeus; on down into the humblest of homes, this Country is departing from God. The words of Patrick Henry haunt good men, "It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolators should be a nation of free men" and "It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains."

Degenerate living, inspired by the sin capital of the world, Hollywood, threatens every boy and girl born into this perverse generation, fulfilling the prophetic words, "In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be ... without natural affection." (II Timothy 3:1-3)

Paul's prophecy "disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, trucebreakers, false accusers, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (II Timothy 3:2-4) is being fulfilled before our eyes.

The October 19, 1953 issue of *Time* reports an unbelievable situation in the schools of one great city, New York. A school teacher is reported as saying: "In a high school like ours, boys wear pistol

pants and a lot of them have colored jackets with their gang names on the back. The girls wear heavy make-up, long hair, long, dangling earrings and low shoes that tie half way up to the knee, a sort of a uniform. They sit watching you like snakes, waiting for the first sign of weakness. It's frightening when you know that some of the boys carry switch blade knives. They know you cannot punish them physically or expel them."

In the November 3, 1953 issue of *Look* magazine, one of the most blatant articles to appear on the American scene bears the heading, "What Is An Agnostic?" Eighty-one year old Bertrand Russell, an agnostic, is interviewed. He holds that the existence of God is "improbable" and claims the Bible contains "moral teaching sometimes good, but sometimes very bad."

When asked what would finally make him believe in the existence of God, he gave the silly answer: "I think that if I heard a voice from the sky predicting all that was going to happen to me during the next twenty-four hours, I might be convinced at least of the existence of some superhuman intelligence."

There will be no atheists or agnostics in hell. Men will believe, but alas, too late!

Who is this Bertrand Russell? He is a Britisher, best known for his materialistic and agnostic beliefs and practices. In 1933 he became involved in an uproar in England by advocating free love, which is the relationship between men and women without the sanctity of marriage. In 1915 he was jailed. Because of his infamous reputation as an apostle of free love and Socialism, he was barred from many universities in 1940. However, he is now welcomed into American and Australian universities. This man is also the author of one of the most blasphemous anti-Christian books ever written, "Why I Am Not A Christian."

The preface of this issue of *Look* insults the decent, God-fearing people of the United States when it quotes the author of the Russell article, Leo Rosten, saying: "I'm perfectly willing to write the article, but how much will your readers take?" Then the editor adds, "We'll soon find out."

The stirring words of Patrick Henry echo down to the present hour: "It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolators should be a nation of free men."

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Christ, who sought to raise men's standards of living with challenges such as "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:8) Men like Paul, found the secret of such perfection and admonished others, "Let us therefore ... be perfect." (Philippians 3:15) The Apostle John said that those who have reached this perfection "have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." (1 John 2:20)

What, then, is this supernatural force that gives such peace of mind and such determination to do great things for God and justice? The power that creates within the heart of men determination to be free is the "stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner." (Luke 20:17)

Agnostics and infidels rejected the stone come down from heaven, but Christians, into whose hands was placed the responsibility of building a peaceful world, used the rejected stone as the head stone, the center and foundation of everything worthwhile. Every honest

effort for a better world has been built upon that stone, which is Jesus Christ. For it is written, "Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded." (1 Peter 2:6)

But what about men who seek to build a better world on other foundations? How about a fellowship of nations that seeks world peace on other foundations? They are seeing a mirage. History has proven time and time again that all efforts for peace, apart from the Prince of Peace, is in vain. The United Nations is doomed to continued confusion until the stone which the builders have thus far rejected is honored and becomes the center of the plans of men. For it is written, "The stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence." (1 Peter 2:7-8)

Nations need to return to Jesus Christ. Individuals need to return to Jesus Christ. Our homes need to be built around Jesus Christ. Family altars need to be restored. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." (Psalm 127:1)

Don't be satisfied with the bonds of Satan. Throw off the cloak of unrighteousness. "Quit you like men, be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13)

How then can Jesus be real to me? How can I be righteous? How can I claim the promise of an unction from the Holy One? Paul summarized these subjects in II Corinthians 5:19-20 when he wrote: "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

The Apostle is saying: (1) Jesus was determined men might be free from the power of the devil, so He came, and by His death, men are freed, redeemed, reconciled to a righteous God. (2) By trusting Christ as our sin bearer, thus freed from the guilt and penalty of transgressions, we are to work as ambassadors for Christ, telling others they too can be free. (3) We are righteous, perfect, saved, only because the Christ is within us. He is perfect. Christ within gives us hope and determination here, and assurance hereafter. Therefore, brethren, have "boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." (Hebrews 10:19)

Simply trust Him as your Saviour. Give full allegiance to Him and you shall know freedom in Christ. Be determined! Determined to be free!

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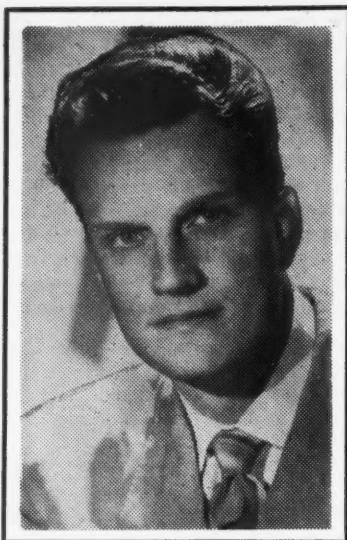
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THE UNCHANGING WORD IN A CHANGING WORLD

EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM

NO ONE CAN STUDY the history of the Bible without being impressed with the fact that it is the world's most remarkable book. Hated by some, while loved by others; criticized, defended, studied, ignored — it is still the Book for which all enlightened men must have some kind of explanation.

William Lyons Phelps, beloved educator of Yale University, once said, "I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible." We are happy that we need not make the choice, but it is a fact worth considering in a day when so often those who are exposed to learning reach the opinion that the Bible has been outmoded by education.

I

In the past fifty years our nation has experienced unprecedented progress in many ways. One of the selected books of the year, "The Big Change," by Frederick L. Allen, effectively traces the revolution that has taken place in "The American Way of Life." Those of us who live in this mid-century have witnessed this rapid change.

Many who read these pages can remember the first automobiles, the first electric lights; the first radios, telephones, airplanes, and, latest of all, the first atomic bomb. A man is not too old today who remembers the first improved highway that went through his town, and when he had his first experience of talking on a telephone.

But this fifty year period is not the only period of change. To be sure, this has been an age of rapid change, but the change has been largely technological. Our advance has been in the field of physics, chemistry, electronics, industrial engineering and the like. Other periods have experienced equally rapid change in other fields.

At the beginning of the Christian era the western world was ruled from the City of Rome. There, from the throne of the Caesars, went forth decrees that made the kind of world the people knew in the days of the Saviour and His Apostles. Rome's rulers, some of whom were arbitrary, cruel, vicious and morally depraved, held the lives of some sixty-million people in their hands and exercised unlimited power of life and death over every man. Those who would glorify the Roman era as a time of world peace

often fail to take into account that it was a peace attained by policing the world at the cost of all personal liberty. The vaunted "democracy" of Rome was a sham.

II

Furthermore, Roman civilization was a pagan civilization. It had inherited the mythological gods and goddesses of the Greeks but had lost much of their intellectual refinement. The gladiatorial combats, chariot races and circuses of the great Coliseum were steeped in blood and were literally riots of immorality.

When Christ stood with His disciples, giving them final instructions before His ascension, He commissioned them to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." These men, empowered by the Spirit of God after the day of Pentecost, went out to accomplish a task of unbelievable proportions: twelve men to evangelize the world. But the task was not a hopeless one, for it was committed to twelve men plus God.

And this is precisely the secret of the spread of the Bible message through the ages. It has not been the unaided efforts of men, but the glorious work of a great God working through men as they surrendered themselves to Him. There is a hidden, unseen power in the Word of God that is a mystery to the unbelieving world.

III

When the Bible was first preached to the Roman world, there were more slaves than free men in that world. Women held a very insignificant place in society and were at the mercy of a husband's whim. Inequality existed between the rich and the poor. Not only was there social inequality and injustice, but there was stifling superstition everywhere. Imaginary gods filled the life of every man with fears lest he might anger them and become the object of their wrath.

But the Word of God was preached abroad. Its message of light and life was heralded throughout the empire, and that great empire, founded and nurtured by a pagan philosophy, was destined to yield to the impact of the preaching of Christ. Slaves were to be freed, injustice and oppression dispelled, woman was to be given her rightful place, and the needy were to be fed and clothed.

What happened then has been often repeated throughout the Christian era — too often for superficial critics to attribute it all to mere coincidence, too



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often for antagonists to succeed in finding other causes for the progress or the decline of peoples and nations. Look at a map of the world.

Place your finger on the places where man has reached the highest plane of culture and has made his greatest strides in the social as well as the technical aspects of life. You will discover that you have pointed out the very places where the Bible has been effectively preached, until whole nations as well as individuals have been changed.

IV

Some well-meaning Christians have thought of themselves as "old-fashioned" in their religion. Songs have been written on this theme. Usually we are thinking of grandmother's religion when we sing "The Old Time Religion," but "Faith of Our Fathers" is not only our grandmother's faith. It is the faith of every yesterday, today and all the tomorrows, as unchanging as the Saviour Himself — "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." Was it not He Himself who said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Are we old-fashioned for drinking water just as our forefathers did? Are we old-fashioned for breathing air into our lungs, just as Adam and Eve also breathed? Are we old-fashioned for taking our rest at night, and calling for daily food to give us bodily strength? There are some things that are unchanging in the midst of a changing world.

In the world of morals and religion, I ask you if sin is old-fashioned. Surely it has been practiced in every generation. Our prisons have never been empty, and the dockets of our law courts are glutted with cases. High crime has become a profession, and many are the amateurs.

Our newspapers reek with reports on robberies, rape, arson, embezzlement. One is forced to acknowledge that sin is both old-fashioned and modern. The reason: man has a fallen, sinful nature, which presents a problem not solved by denying it, as do some.

Another thing that is with us always is the sense of frustration and uncertainty. Today most people do not know whether they are bound; but wherever it is, they fear to arrive there. This is not peculiar to our age. We may wonder at the millions of aspirin tablets and sleeping pills we consume in our modern age, but I am sure former generations would have done so, had the pills been available.

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pire there was a way in which a small landowner could deed his property to a powerful military man to obtain protection and security to at least a limited degree. This was called "precarium," and from it we have our word "precarious." This precariousness is nothing new, for man in this world has a continual sense of uncertainty.

But, thanks be to God, in the confusion and change of man-made ways and institutions there is the Rock of Ages upon which we can build. God's unchanging Word has through these changing years met man's most fundamental need.

V

It is in times of particular stress that men have found the Word of God to be their comfort. Out of despair when pursued by enemies, the Psalmist could cry out to God, "Princes have persecuted me without a cause; But my heart standeth in awe of thy word."

If every other reason were gone for believing that the Bible is that Word of God to man, I would believe it for the way in which it meets the need of every man. If one still objects, and says it is only the word of man, then I challenge him to produce another collection of writings that will so perfectly meet man's need.

I challenge him to produce a writing that will give to the sinner a conscience that is clean. I challenge him to produce a writing that will forever dispel man's fear of death. I challenge him so to phrase a philosophy of life that it will reach down to the man who can scarcely read and write, and at the same time up into the professor's chair in the university and so meet the need of both for that inward peace which men so desperately seek.

Have not literally hundreds of books been written to give man inward calm in his muddle of confusion? How little they have accomplished. Only the Bible has been able to meet the need and meet it fully.

It has become the riches of those who

have had none of this world's goods; it has become wisdom to those who never knew a school-room; it has been as light shining in the dark places of the earth that dispels gloom and superstition.

This Book is far more than man's book. It is God's unchanging Word sent to man, that he might have a chart and compass for his voyage and that he may have a staff upon which to lean in weary hours.

VI

The story is told (I believe it to be a true one) of a young man who was working under the hood of his Model T Ford, trying in vain to make it run. After a long time, in which he had had no success, a fine automobile stopped beside him. A well dressed man stepped out, went over to the young man and sensing his difficulty told the would-be mechanic to make a certain minor adjustment in the timing of the motor.

Rather reluctantly, the young man did so. "Now," said the man, "your car will run." With a turn of the crank the motor started running like that of a new car. Surprised that such a man should know about machinery, the young man said, "But how is it that you know just what to do to my car to make it run? Who are you?" Quietly, the other said, "I'm Henry Ford. I made the car. I know all about its workings."

There is one Who knows all about us and how our lives work, for He made us. Maybe your life is out of tune, filled with misery and unhappiness. Maybe you are a person of many fears who has no peace. God, who knows your need, has given you His Word to meet that need.

Beneath all other needs in your life, causing your grief and your despair, your frustrations and your disintegration, is that ugly thing we call sin. If our other problems are to be solved, the solution will come only when we go directly to the problem of sin. It will not do to apply soothing ointments, that touch only the surface of life's experiences.

Sin must be taken out by the root,

and no solution has been found apart from the message of God's Word, the Bible. In His prayer, Jesus said: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." And apart from that Word there is no other sanctifying instrument in God's world.

But the human tendency is to leave the Bible closed. We hide behind many excuses, saying it is hard to understand, or we are too busy, or we advance any of a thousand other reasons; but the fact still remains that the Bible has met the deepest need of multitudes, and to this day it continues to demonstrate its ancient power to mend broken lives and give peace of soul to those who stand upon its promises and heed its claims. Herrick Johnson once said; "If God is a reality and you are an immortal soul, what are you doing with your Bible shut?"

The Bible is more than a book of religion; it is more than a book on the philosophy of religion; it is more than a collection of devotions or of rules for good living. It is all these, but it is so much more.

It is the living Word of the Living God, offering to men who are dead in trespasses and sins, new life through Jesus Christ.

The English philosopher, John Locke, once said of the Bible, "It has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any admixture of error for its matter. It is all pure, all sincere; nothing too much, nothing wanting."

Is it peace of soul you are seeking? Is it confident living you yearn for? Is it integration of personality you crave? Is it release from dread and fear that you wish? Is it relief from a troubled conscience you long for?

Then turn to the Bible, find there from its inspired pages the living Christ who once at Calvary took the sins of men upon Himself; He will pardon all your sins, He will restore your wasted life, He will give you the confident spirit you need, He will exchange your tears for smiles and your groanings for shouts of joy. This is the Saviour of men and the hope of an otherwise hopeless world.

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**A Defender Hour
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By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

*The accompanying picture shows 20-year-old
J. C. Barton (whose cure of cancer was discussed on
this broadcast), his mother and Dr. D. M. Randall,
chief of staff at the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic.*



I SHALL DEVOTE practically this entire broadcast to describing a series of cancer cures at the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic, of Dallas, Texas. Every one of these case histories is thoroughly documented. They are typical of many more. They prove that Dr. Harry M. Hoxsey and the members of his staff are curing cancer. All kinds of cancer, including even the most deadly types!

Then, when I have finished speaking, many listeners to whom the facts will be shockingly new are sure to feel that the American people need this information. They will feel that the power of the medical trust responsible for keeping the truth from reaching the public should be broken.

Dr. Hoxsey has had a long, hard fight to keep going — to keep his Clinic open, and all because he insists on curing a disease which organized medicine says cannot be cured.

In one breath members of the medical fraternity will tell you there is no cure for cancer, that it will be ten years before a cure can be expected. Then in the next breath they will tell you to use surgery, x-ray and radium.

What's the idea? Cancer is incurable, they say. Then they say, use surgery, x-ray and radium. I don't get it.

A man in Florida sent me a bulletin the other day. It may contain the answer. In it we read:

"The cancer business has become one of the most lucrative in the world. If it became known that a cure existed, costly operations would stop. X-ray, radium and drug sales would drop. The same is true with regard to the sale of dope. Somebody would stand to lose millions."

The man who wrote these words may have the matter sized up right. It stands to reason that when the Hoxsey system gains general acceptance — when his simple but successful remedies become widely known and used, certain people will lose a lot of money.

THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE

But before taking up in detail the work being done at the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic, I would like to state briefly the position of the Defenders organization with regard to medical matters. We are guided by the principle that whatever relieves pain and suffering is, in a broad sense, part of the Christian program.

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He established a Church. He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." The divinity of His religion comes out precisely on the same lines as His earthly ministry.

Christianity has always been concerned with both the physical health and spiritual well being of its followers. With major emphasis upon eternal life, it has also produced better physical living conditions than any other religion or political system the world has ever known.

The interest that Pastors and Laymen in all parts of the Country are manifesting, in the control and cure of cancer, is a natural result of this underlying principle.

Very well, let us consider a few case histories.

MRS. J. A. JONES

Take, for instance, the case of Mrs. J. A. Jones, age 59, housewife of Fox, Oklahoma. Her ailment was diagnosed carcinoma of the sigmoid, or cancer of the lower intestine. She says, and I am quoting her exact words: "If it wasn't

for Harry Hoxsey I wouldn't be alive today."

In 1943 Mrs. Jones began to suffer abdominal pains. Her family physician discovered a large tumor blocking the colon and sent her to a doctor in Duncan, Oklahoma who performed a colostomy. A resection of the tumor was sent to the pathological laboratory of Oklahoma State University for analysis.

A few days later the doctor informed her husband that she had cancer of the bowels. This announcement struck terror to the family. The doctor advised removal of the intestine and rectum, giving her only a one percent chance to live. She refused to have the operation and decided to follow the advice of a sister who had been pleading with her to go to the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic.

She had to be taken from her home in Oklahoma to Dallas in an ambulance. She was too weak to sit up and in such excruciating pain that morphine had to be administered every three hours.

Doctors and nurses examined her at the Clinic. The diagnosis by the doctors in Oklahoma was confirmed. The prognosis was poor. Dr. Hoxsey told members of the family that there was not much hope but if they so desired, the Clinic would accept her as a trial patient. Certainly the medications could do no harm.

She was on her feet, walking around, within a month. At the end of eight months she was discharged from the Clinic, cured. Ten years have now elapsed and she professes to be in perfect health. She has since been examined by doctors who have no connection with the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic and pronounced symptom free.

Now, what I am about to say will clinch the nail on the other side of the board.

In 1947, during an investigation of the Hoxsey cancer treatment by United States Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, Mrs. Jones' physician, Dr. Walter Dean Spencer, said these words:

"I contacted the nurse who sent the biopsy to the Oklahoma pathological laboratory. She is a registered nurse and

she saw the report that came back: 'Grade 3, carcinoma of the sigmoid.' Looking at Mrs. Jones now, who would believe she had cancer? Who would believe it?"

And that, friends of the listening audience, is the story of Mrs. J. A. Jones of Fox, Oklahoma.

J. C. BARTON

And now let us go to Orange, Texas. The case of J. C. Barton, age 20, cancer of the bone.

In August of 1947 this young man fell and bruised his leg. Two years later he began to complain of sharp, shooting pains in the same leg which became progressively more severe. He was taken to a local physician who made x-ray pictures and diagnosed the trouble sarcoma of the bone.

The boy was given 28 treatments of deep x-ray therapy, ten minutes each. The tissue was baked from knee to hip until it became as tough as the hide of an elephant. The leg muscles and leaders were burned so badly that the limb doubled up and became useless. The condition of the patient steadily grew worse. He suffered constant pain, was unable to eat, lost weight.

Doctors recommended amputation of the leg at the hip. Even then they told the frantic mother that her son would probably not live more than six months. She refused to consent to the operation. On the advice of a former Hoxsey patient, the boy was taken to Dallas. That was in December 1949. His face bore deep, drawn lines of pain. He was yellow and emaciated, too weak to sit up, weighed less than eighty pounds.

The prognosis was unfavorable but the Clinic agreed to treat him for two months on a trial basis. The usual Hoxsey medications were administered. The patient began to make an immediate response.

Today he is a big, strapping fellow, handsome, tipping the scales at 165 pounds. Walks with only a slight limp. His mother says: "The Hoxsey treatment saved my boy's life."

A complete set of x-ray pictures on this case may be seen in the files of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic — documented records, attesting an amazing cure that would stand in any court of the land.

A COURT CASE

And speaking of court records, it will interest you to know, if you do not know, that juries have on various occasions accepted the testimony of patients cured of cancer and returned verdicts in Dr. Hoxsey's favor.

One such case was held in 1949 at Dallas, in the 44th District Court, Judge W. L. Thornton presiding.

The litigation resulted from a vicious smear article by Morris Fishbein being published in the Hearst chain of newspapers. The article was very bad, designed to keep people from using the Hoxsey system of treatment. It contained a personal attack on Dr. Hoxsey.

The jury, composed of 12 rugged Texans, brought in a verdict in Dr. Hoxsey's favor. In passing sentence on the defendant, the Hearst Publications, Judge Thornton said these words:

"I am of the firm opinion and belief that Hoxsey has cured these people of cancer, and that Hoxsey has been done a grave injustice, and that the articles and utterances by the defendant were false, slanderous and libelous."

Very well, I knew that this parenthetical statement would be of interest to my listening audience tonight. It will help you to more intelligently appraise the value of the Hoxsey treatment as a remedy for cancer. You can rest assured that the jury in this case, and the Judge — a distinguished jurist, were not deceived.

L. A. WORTHLEY

Now, let us go to Wichita Falls, Texas, and consider the cure of Mr. L. A. Worthley, age 58, disease black cancer, one of the most deadly types of cancer.

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ing a fire at an oil refinery. The rest of the crew was wiped out. He alone survived. His left foot was injured and for some years felt sore and tender.

Suddenly, late in 1949, the fourth toe of the foot turned black, broke open and became a running sore. The outbreak was accompanied by severe pain throughout his body, loss of weight and a general run down condition. He consulted a doctor in Wichita Falls who made a biopsy. The diagnosis was Melano Carcinoma, or black cancer.

The doctor told him the only hope of saving his life was to remove the foot and possibly the entire leg up to the hip. He estimated, even then, that the patient would have only a fifty-fifty chance.

About that time, Mr. Worthley heard of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic and decided to go to Dallas. That was in February, 1950. By this time the disease was far advanced and the prognosis was poor. Members of the staff, at the Clinic, could only promise to do their best, regretting that they had not received the case sooner.

After four months of treatment, to use Mr. Worthley's words, "The affected toe simply died a natural death and disappeared from my foot."

He has had no further trouble. He works every day, has returned to normal weight, suffers no pain. He has been back to the Clinic for several check-ups and has been found, in every instance, to be symptom free. No one denies that this patient had cancer in a most virulent form. The biopsy report was made by Terrell Laboratories of Fort Worth, one of the most reputable organizations of its kind in the United States.

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Friends of the listening audience, I think I know what many of you are thinking and saying in your hearts. You are thanking God that such an institution as the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic of Dallas, Texas exists in this Country, where

people can go, and come away, leaving their cancers behind. We feel that we are rendering a Christian service by imparting this kind of information.

Don't let anybody tell you that cancer cannot be cured. It can be cured. It is being cured.

The Hoxsey cancer treatment saved my life as a boy. Someone pinned a bouquet of flowers on the left lapel of my coat. The pin ran through a satin underlining and scratched my neck. The irritation would not heal. It grew worse. It became malignant. A growth developed. An examination showed it to be cancer.

I was then nine years old. The Hoxsey cancer treatment was being administered here in Wichita in those days by a Dr. Rochelle. It was known locally as the Rochelle treatment.

Dr. Rochelle was associated with the father of the present Dr. Harry M. Hoxsey. Had my parents allowed surgery to be used, I would not be standing at the microphone tonight.

If you were here, you could see a scar on the left side of my neck — all that remains of a cancer removed, as I say, at the age of nine by the same system of treatment that is being administered at the present time in Dallas, Texas. Naturally, I feel this matter quite keenly. I know what the Hoxsey system did for me. I know what it has done for others. It is a gift of God to suffering humanity.

In closing, I wish to repeat what I have said before ... that the Defenders organization is in no sense a medical body. We feel that in releasing the kind of information given on this broadcast that an important Christian service is being rendered.

This is Gerald B. Winrod, thanking you for listening, suggesting that you offer a prayer on behalf of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic asking that nothing be allowed to interfere with the work being done there to relieve pain and suffering ... and saying May God bless you all.

BARTON FAMILY HEARS BROADCAST



The Barton family of Orange, Texas was thrilled to hear the foregoing broadcast ... and immediately wrote the following letter. The picture mentioned is reproduced above.

Orange, Texas
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The Defender Hour
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Dear Sirs:

We heard you talk tonight on the Hoxsey cancer cure and the Clinic at Dallas. It was a thrilling experience for us because the boy you talked about is one of our family—our son, J. C. Barton.

Yes we agree with you that the Lord should be thanked for what is done at the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic. Had it not been for Hoxsey, our son wouldn't be here today.

We are sending you a small school picture of him taken in September. His weight is now 172 pounds.

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DR. J. A. BROOKS

RECORD OF CURES AT FORT WORTH

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Life magazine published a page of photographs taken at Dr. Lincoln's Clinic last year, with an explanation which included the following remark, "His patients come to think of him as a hero and saviour."

Among the best trained users of the Bacteriophage is Dr. J. A. Brooks, director of the Rosedale Research Medical Clinic located at 1101 South Henderson Street ... Fort Worth, Texas. The beginning of the new year finds patients there from many parts of the United States.

Rosedale Clinic is a small and unpretentious place, but the record of results realized there is nothing short of amazing. Plans are now under way for the erection of a larger building on the most up-to-date lines. Visitors from out of the city are assisted in locating rooms and apartments near the Clinic. The following case histories are typical of dozens more that could be recorded.

Case 1, Mrs. A. P. Age 48 Sex F. 12-1-52
History: Both breasts previously removed, cancer. Re-entered a Fort Worth hospital and diagnosis was cancer of female organs. Hysterectomy (their complete removal) was used. Patient entered this Clinic on above date, in considerable pain.

Diagnosis: Cancer of stomach.

Treatment: Bacteriophage started immediately.

Result: Pain subsided after few days and appetite returned. Patient had regained her strength after three weeks and was feeling fine. Discharged February 26, 1953. Rechecked July 5, 1953, no recurrence.

Case 2, Mr. J. M. Age 40 Sex M. 8-22-52

History: Entered this Clinic on above date complaining of constant headache for past year or more. All previous treatments had been unable to control pain longer than few hours duration.

Diagnosis: After x-ray, laboratory tests and physical examination, patient was found to have Ulcerative Colitis and Sinusitis.

Treatment: Bacteriophage started October 1, 1952. In seven days all pain had ceased. Breathing easier, appetite and strength returned.

Result: Discharged December 15, 1952. No recurrence to date.

Case 3, Mrs. M.C.J. Age 44 Sex F. 7-8-53

History: Entered Rosedale Clinic complaining of pain in abdomen, nausea, weakness, always tired. Confined to bed part of time. Previous medication had no value.

Diagnosis: After x-ray, laboratory and physical examination, diagnosis was Cirrhosis of liver (hardening of liver) and Hypotension (low blood pressure).

Treatment: Bacteriophage started August 27, 1953.

Result: Responded to treatment. Pain gradually subsided, strength and appetite returned. Discontinued treatment October 12, 1953 in good condition.

Case 4, Mr. O.B.C. Age 42 Sex M. 6-25-53

History: Entered Clinic on above date. Tall, undernourished. Complained of loss of weight and strength, labored breathing. No appetite, unable to work.

Diagnosis: After x-ray, laboratory test and physical examination, diagnosis was Bronchial Asthma and Nephritis.

Treatment: Started Bacteriophage July 27, 1953. After few weeks, regained weight, breathing normal, able to go back to work.

Result: Discharged August 25, 1953 and now feeling fine.

2616 South Adams
Fort Worth, Texas

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Dr. Winrod:

I have read your reports of cures made by the use of the Lincoln treatment in various parts of the country, and I would like to mention a few that have come to my attention here at the Research Medical Clinic in Fort Worth. My own case is an example.

When I was nine months old I had diptheria which almost proved fatal. It left me with a condition in the head that affected my ear and sinuses. For years I went to doctors, had operations on my nose to remove infected bone, and tried every kind of treatment to rid myself of this head trouble.

I heard about the Rosedale Clinic and started with the Bacteriophage, not expecting a quick recovery because of the far advanced stage of the disease. I am happy to say that there has been great improvement in my condition and I expect to be entirely cured of what is known as "osteomyelitis."

Other cases that have impressed me at the Clinic are:

A little boy of three with leukemia, whose skin was almost yellow, and his pretty brown eyes dull and lifeless when he came, and after several treatments his skin became normal and his condition is improving.

A man suffering from cancer of the lungs. He was very thin and unable to stand straight because of pain. He could sleep only with the aid of drugs. In a few weeks he could sleep well, gained in weight and went away in good health. I talked with him on the phone at a later date and he was back on his job doing well.

There were several people who had had numerous operations and x-ray treatments before coming to the Clinic. All of these cases, that I have noted, have responded favorably to Bacteriophage. One young woman had had her spleen removed and the doctors told her husband that she would not live six weeks. She was brought to the Clinic on a stretcher and six months later I heard her say that she never felt better.

My own mother, who is 84, was cured of arthritis in her shoulders. She had suffered for years and was unable to raise her arms. Now she is free of pain and takes delight in showing how she can lift her arms high above her head.

Dr. Winrod, I think you are doing a wonderful work enlightening people through *The Defender* and over the air and I thought you might like to have a letter from one who has been in position to observe results close range at the Rosedale Clinic.

With sincere good wishes,
Miss Bernice Gardner

THE TRAGIC TORTURE OF DR. ULPTS

Christian physician denied legal counsel at star Chamber hearing, railroaded to hospital for the insane in the State of Maine ... persecuted by medical oligarchy.

REYNOLD G. E. ULPTS, M.D., of Lewiston, Maine ... my personal friend for twelve years, was born March 20, 1896 in Vienna, Austria and became a citizen of the United States by naturalization in 1929.

He lived with his wife at 67 Webster Street, Lewiston, until June 29, 1953 when whisked away for a 15-minute unannounced hearing in the local City Hall, after which he was committed to the State Hospital for the Insane at Augusta, Maine. Dr. Ulpts had been for some time a target of opposition by the American Medical Association and its subsidiary bodies in New England.

His request for legal counsel at the hearing which resulted in his incarceration, was denied.

As a young man, Dr. Ulpts graduated from the University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany where he acquired a Ph.D. degree ... and the University of Zurich, of Zurich, Switzerland, where he acquired an M.D. degree. He is a quiet, reserved, sensitive man, deeply religious, and holds a Doctorate in Theology — the kind of a man who, facing thugs, finds himself at a complete loss.

Dr. Ulpts is a scientist of superior attainments whose research and laboratory work, here at home and abroad, has been described by authorities as being of "international importance."

His exacting labors in various laboratories are set forth in the 1949 edition of "Who's Who in New England." These experiments include research at the following locations:

(1) The Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, Berlin, 1920-1921, (2) The I. G. Farben Research Laboratories, Berlin, 1921-1923, (3) Columbia University, 1923-1924, (4) The Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, 1924-1925, (5) The Ulpts Clinic, Plainfield, New Jersey, 1926-1934, (6) The Messiah Hospital and Research Clinic, Portland,

Maine, 1940-1945 and (7) The Ulpts Laboratories, Lewiston, Maine, 1948-1953.

Dr. Ulpts, a user of the Koch therapy, told me ten years ago that he was a marked man for treating and curing diseases which organized medicine insisted could not be cured.

BENEDICT FITZGERALD TO THE RESCUE

Many of Dr. Ulpts' close friends did not know what had happened to him. Members of his family were, of course, embarrassed and did not understand legal procedures for seeking his release.

The good man has languished these months in a cell, surrounded by inmates, many of whom were maniacs. His abiding religious faith and reliance upon prayer, provided comfort and held him steady.

The public might never have learned what was happening ... and the injustice might never have been corrected had the matter not been brought to the attention of Benedict Fitzgerald in Washington.

(Mr. Fitzgerald, it will be recalled, is the top-level Department of Justice prosecutor who was engaged, early in 1953, by the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to investigate charges of an alleged medical conspiracy to keep cures for cancer from reaching the American people. Acting on instructions from the late Senator Charles W. Tobey, he compiled a report, atomic in substance, aptly called "The Most Important Medical Document of Our Generation.")

Paying his own expenses and serving without compensation, Mr. Fitzgerald flew to Maine, established residence in a local hotel and proceeded to uncover one of the most vicious plots ever organized against any physician by members of the medical fraternity. As

a victim, persecuted by organized medicine, Dr. Ulpts is now entitled to the company of Lister, Semmelweis and Pasteur.

Because of Mr. Fitzgerald's legal knowledge, reputation as a prosecutor and Government contacts, he possesses great power. His presence in Maine immediately attracted the attention of the press and brought consternation upon Dr. Ulpts' persecutors. Legal machinery, set up to correct the injustice, was thrown into operation.

The first move consisted of filing with the Supreme Court of Maine, an Application For A Writ of Habeas Corpus ...

"Commanding that Francis H. Sleeper, M.D., Superintendent of the Augusta State Hospital for the insane show in detail why he is holding the said Reynold G. E. Ulpts a prisoner."

Upon learning that a plan was being discussed to mutilate Dr. Ulpts' body by castration (which Hospital authorities could do under the laws of Maine), Mr. Fitzgerald included the following clause in his Application:

"That the said Francis H. Sleeper, M. D., be immediately restrained from the administration of shock treatments or operation to effectuate the sterilization of the body, of the said Reynold G. E. Ulpts."

The Application also charges that the 15-minute hearing conducted by the Mayor of Lewiston, under the direction of two doctors of the American Medical Association, was illegal because they ignored Dr. Ulpts' request for an attorney.

Documents filed with the Court also charge that Hospital officials have tried to break down Dr. Ulpts' religious faith by sneering, jeering and hurling insulting remarks regarding beliefs precious to his heart. His Pastor, Rev. E. R. Fehlau, of Lewiston's Grace Lutheran Church, is helping Mr. Fitzgerald in every way possible. Friends of Dr. Ulpts are giving the effort support in a financial way so that Mr. Fitzgerald now possesses the necessary sinews of war. *The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case in January.*

—Gerald B. Winrod

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EDITORIALS

RALPH L. ROY

IT CAN NOW be definitely stated that Ralph L. Roy, over whose name a book smearing several hundred American opponents of Communism has been published, is an associate of the notorious L. M. Birkhead and an employee of the Jewish Friends of Democracy.

He has connections with the Anti-Defamation League Gestapo and has done investigative work for that outfit. He has spied upon various evangelical Christian groups, gathering material to be used against religious leaders who are true to Christ and loyal to Country. For viciousness, his record compares favorably with that of John Spivak and John Roy Carlson (Derounian).

Roy denies having actually sat in a classroom at Union Theological Seminary under Harry Ward, but admits that Bishop Oxnham is helping him.

Verne P. Kaub, president of the American Council of Christian Laymen, says: "I have told Ralph Roy to his face that he is a sneak. He approached this Council under pretense that he was a young theological student eager to get good arguments for his Fundamentalist position."

Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, said in a memorandum to fellow Pastors in October 1951:

"Over the Labor Day weekend a man by the name of Ralph L. Roy turned up here (at Collingswood, New Jersey). He represented himself as a student of Columbia University working on his Masters ... It wasn't until the end of his stay that I really began to have some doubts about him ... He said he was a Methodist preacher ... When I questioned him concerning whether he was licensed, he said that there had been some doubt about that and though he did preach in his own church he really wasn't a licensed Methodist.

"I talked with him generally about his soul and saw that he wasn't really converted ... It looked to me as though here was a young man who either has been assigned or has set out on his own to write one of these colorful smear-type of stories. I am confident that no man would work as much and know as much as this young man appeared to, without at least attempting to do something with it."

BOOK BURNING

LEFIST men of hate have invented the term "Book Burning" to cast odium on those who reject their destructive doctrines.

An example was noted in accusations hurled at Senator McCarthy for suggesting to the State Department that books advocating Communism should be removed from the shelves of Information Service Libraries, where American men of the armed forces go for reading material in various parts of the world. The validity of his position is self evident.

Last June, a White House speech writer inserted "Book Burning" into an address delivered by the President before a Dartmouth graduating class. His remarks were hailed by Leftists as approving the circulation of red literature among our soldiers.

This interpretation caused the President considerable anxiety and resulted in a clarifying statement to the press in which he said we should not be "a party to our own destruction by using Government funds to supply books intended to spread the Communist gospel."

WHAT PRICE ISRAEL

AN EXAMPLE of Book Burning was noted in the recent attempt of the Jewish Anti-Defamation League to prevent the Henry Regnery Company from publishing Alfred Lilienthal's dynamic book, "What Price Israel."

The publisher refused to be intimidated and the book is now off the press,

being read by thousands of people, interested in learning the truth about Zionism in general and the gangster government of Israel in particular.

Being aware of the great power wielded by the Jewish Book Burners, Mr. Lilienthal, a Jew, says in his Preface: "I do not underestimate for one moment the wrath that will descend upon me for having written this book. Every conceivable kind of pressure will be exerted, I am afraid, to prevent a fair consideration of the material set forth in its pages."

It is high time that the underneath side of Zionism should be turned up for all to see. While Mr. Lilienthal writes with a racial sensitiveness that sometimes lacks the force of a completely objective point of view, yet his book brings to light many facts heretofore hidden from public view.

(The Defender Publishers is processing orders for "What Price Israel" at the publisher's price of \$3.95 postpaid.)

LEFTIST BIGOTS

THE RECORD shows that the Leftists are themselves the real book burners — intolerant, bigoted and abusive of those who support the tenets of evangelical Christianity and fundamental Americanism. They follow the Lenin line of diverting attention by accusing others of doing the thing for which they themselves are responsible.

The Leftist philosophy, or perhaps it should be called a disease, has its origin in Jewish intellectualism. While the great body of Jews throughout the world, espouse the cause of Zionism and Communism, there are exceptions.

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, director of the American Jewish League Against Communism, is a spokesman for the minority group within his race who put Americanism above the twin evils of Zionism and Communism. Addressing a recent flag raising in Yonkers, New York, he said:

"The lefties scream they are being persecuted but the exact opposite is true. Anti-Communists are being smeared, hounded, and hampered by our 'intellectual authorities,' popular writers and broadcasters, and college presidents. Americans who are exposing Communists and pro-Communists — Americans like Velde, Jenner, and McCarthy are being tarred and feathered by our so-called finest people."

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Lamps do not talk, but they shine. A lighthouse sounds no drums, but far over the water its friendly spark is seen. So let your actions reveal your light. Let your conduct illustrate the sermon of your life.

—Spurgeon.

I may be sensational, but I never did tear a roof off to get somebody to Jesus, nor did I ever break out of jail at midnight with a jailor under one arm and the jail door under the other and find a pool and baptize the jailor before daylight.

—Louis W. Arnold.

The minds of some Christians are like concrete — thoroughly mixed and permanently set.

A grease spot on a man's suit is all you can remember of the way he was dressed. That is how the human mind functions. It specializes on imperfections.

The devil is willing for a person to confess Christianity as long as he does not practice it.

If there were more praise offered for prayers answered, there would be more prayers answered for which to offer praise.

Still, as of old, man by himself is priced for thirty pieces. Judas sold himself, not Christ.

Probably the most of the difficulties of trying to live the Christian life arise from attempting to half live it.

God put the Church in the world. Satan seeks to put the world in the Church.

Many people remember the national debt when they go to pay their taxes and forget about it when they go to vote.

If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity.

—Daniel Webster.

In Ingersoll's day they called Modernists by their right name — infidels, and eliminated them from pulpits. Now they are given positions of leadership in many Church denominations.

Sin goes deep, but Christ goes deeper.

We are told that the Minister should have the strength of an ox, daring of a lion, industry of a beaver, vision of an eagle, disposition of an angel, loyalty of an apostle, heroism of a martyr, tenderness of a shepherd, faithfulness of a prophet and the devotion of a mother. Indeed, the Christian ministry is the noblest of all callings.

—John Pitcher.

Peace conferences may be good but prayer meetings are better.

I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man

—Thomas Jefferson.

When one sells principle for popularity, he is bankrupt.

In regard to the great Book, I have only to say that it is the best gift which God has given to man.

—Abraham Lincoln.

A good investment — time spent in the house of God.

God honors no drafts where there are no deposits.

Great pilots are made in rough waters and deep seas.

—Chinese Proverb.

Minds are like parachutes; they function only when open.

—Ervine.

You are expected to make good — not to make excuses.

Do the best you can with what you've got where you are.

If you cannot win, make the one ahead break the record.

I never saw a useful Christian who was not a student of the Bible.

—Dwight L. Moody.

You cannot expect first-rate children from second-rate parents.

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TOBACCO AND CANCER

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RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS by top cancer researchers to the effect that the excessive use of tobacco, particularly the cigarette, is the direct and primary cause of the tremendous increase in lung cancer, has caused near panic among holders of tobacco stocks and securities.

Drops of five points have been recorded in a single day. The magazine *Business Week* states that the tobacco industry "faces what is perhaps potentially, the gravest problem besetting any industry since Prohibition shut down the liquor business." (December 5, 1953 edition)

Information recently presented by the American Cancer Society, based on data of the National Office of Vital Statistics, Bureau of the Census, records an increase in lung cancer from the year 1933 to 1948 ... from five deaths per 100,000 of the population to 18 deaths, an increase of several hundred percent.

The truth, long suppressed by interests with selfish motives, seems at last to be breaking through the barrier of censorship. It also may well be the fuse which will explode the powder keg as to the suppression by the American Medical Association and the United States Public Health Service, of several successful methods having therapeutic value in the treatment of cancer generally; the most recent and infamous of which has been suppression of the FitzGerald Report to the Tobey Committee by Senator John Bricker of Ohio.

The etiology of malignant growth has long recognized the nicotinic tars in tobacco as a cause of primary cancer. That this tar is a particularly virulent compound in this respect seems confirmed by the fact that the lungs are not ordinarily seized with primary cancer, the constantly moving parenchyma resisting the creation of carcinogenic foci,

recognized as the familiar "lump" or growth. Cancer has an affinity for locations associated with sluggish circulation of the blood and lymph.

It is admitted by recognized authorities, that practically all that is really known about cancer has stemmed from the work and discoveries of the biochemists in identifying and isolating the carcinogenic chemical factors in the soots, tars, oils and greases which are common to all types of "occupational cancer" which includes pipe smokers cancer. History has long recorded occupational cancer as being more than ordinarily prevalent among those individuals whose employment compelled intimate body surface contact with these compounds, a few cases of which are:

Chimney Sweeps Cancer. Contact with soots and tars to the flesh while sweeping or cleaning chimneys in the days of the open fireplace.

Bargeman's Cancer. Contact with tars and tarred oakum in the caulking seams of wooden ships.

Mule Spinner's Cancer. Rubbing of the thighs by a greased shaft on textile machines.

Tar Workers Cancer. Absorption of tar fractions during employment in tar works.

Peat Workers Cancer. Contact with tars and inhalation of smoke from the burning.

Gas Workers Cancer. Contact with residue tars and inhalation of fumes.

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Paraffine Press Workers Cancer. Contact with basic tars and fumes.

Creosote Workers Cancer. Absorption and inhalation of the fumes.

The above are but a few cases of what are known as "occupational cancer" which are outstanding and long-standing in the history of the disease.

Katsusaburo Yamagiwa (1863-1930) developed the method now commonly used, of producing primary cancer by tar application to the skins of animal controls, such as in white mice. Frequent application of tars to the same spot, over a period of months, resulted in a primary malignancy. And, as we now know, this was not only the result of a constant irritation, but the absorption of carcinogenic factors contained in the tars used.

The cigarette and pipe smoker does nothing less than to duplicate the methods of Yamagiwa in producing a malignant cancerous growth, now a common laboratory experiment.

However, up until the early 1930's the American Medical Association and the United States Public Health Service ridiculed the idea of any chemical approach to this problem and remained united on the assumption that the only primary cause was constant irritation. These authorities were as openly hostile to the chemical approach as they are now hostile to Hoxsey, Lincoln and others. But similar organized medical authorities, one will recall, crucified Lister for advocating the sterilization of surgical instruments and Pasteur for his work on anti-toxins.

It was about twenty years ago that English biochemists, investigating the basic causes of occupational cancer, actually isolated the first carcinogenic factor in tars — dibenzanthracene, and forced the acceptance of their findings. This was reported in the *American Journal of Cancer* in the January 1932 issue. Since that time, more than 400 related chemical compounds have been identified as cancer inciting, including the alkaloidal tars in tobacco.

Previous to that time I had stated in a treatise widely distributed that, "Primary tumor of an occupational or experimental nature, is not caused by an irritative factor alone, as has been claimed in the past, but is caused by absorption of the growth factor present

in the unsaturated hydrocarbons belonging to the benzene or pyridine groups, and assisted by irritation, as preparing an inflamed focus for its reception."

The user of the pipe or cigarette is by the very nature of the act preparing this inflamed focus in the mouth or lung and at which point the nicotinic tars are absorbed. The cells in these immediate areas are then faced with but two alternatives — either die or, divide and multiply. These are the only alternatives in life, for if the human race does not reproduce itself, it will die out. And so it is with individual cells.

Nature seems determined to continue living processes as long as possible and only succumbs when there is little or no chance for survival. And so when cells facing death, can find no way out at the moment, death ensuing, the degradation products of cell death become the most potent accelerators of cell division (growth) ... bathing the adjoining cells with their substance, that which causes the rate of cell division to increase and often to go out of control. Cells dividing at a rate faster than normal, is cancer.

Let it be understood that this latter situation, resulting in cancer, is not caused solely by the absorption of carcinogenic chemicals, such as nicotinic tars. It may be brought about by other situations, such as a bruise, blow, irritation of any kind, whether it be exogenous or endogenous which results in the cell being faced with the alternative to either die, or divide and multiply, and in a host which is kindly predisposed.

Unfortunately, cancer as such gives little warning of its existence until its growth results in pressing on a nerve, interfering with the normal functioning of some vital organ, or in some similar way gives physical evidence of its being present.

The most assured way to avoid lung cancer is to stop using tobacco. This is simple and clear cut. To continue its use on the assumption that one is not predisposed and by nature immune is playing with destiny, a pure gamble.

Any discussion of the carcinogenic elements developed in smoking of tobacco is bound to open up the broader aspects of the disease. All of America is very seriously concerned with the rapid increase in cancer which is taking the lives of some 600 of its people every 24 hours. The most serious aspect of the case as it exists today is the suppression of known facts about the disease, and the stifling of basic research by medical authority, both in and out of government.

This is quite in keeping with the suppression of truths in other fields, such

as in the cover up of the activities of spies and traitors for fear of, or in cooperation with a radical racial minority. Or, as in the prevention of the use, in the United States, of the tuberculosis vaccine BCG, which Dr. Edward J. O'Brien, past president of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery reports, "has given immunity to 70% to 90% and there hasn't been a single report of harmful effect in twenty years."

Dr. O'Brien is of course speaking of the use of the BCG vaccine in other lands than ours, where its use is not taboo. Few Americans know or realize that although their children are deprived of this proven medical immunity, the World Health Organization, under the auspices of our State Department, is constantly boasting of its success in India and other lands, the expense of which is borne by the American taxpayer. How crazy can America become?

As previously stated, it has been about twenty years since biochemists identified and isolated the cancer inciting factors in the tars, oils and greases. These identifications have made it possible to recognize the compounds responsible, in a chemical sense, as similar to those produced as degradation products in cell death. All are potent accelerators of cell growth.

Even these simple and conclusive facts have been concealed and ridiculed by medical authorities who seemingly have no desire to find a cure. The public has contributed millions for research, but a research closely directed, wherein funds are allocated only to those who follow the party line. The basic researcher is literally handcuffed by a medical dictatorship more ruthless and unprincipled than any possible under a liberal socialized medicine, with which we also completely disagree.

But God works in wondrous ways! The revolt among smokers is on. In spite of "hush-hush" tactics by the agencies of publicity, the truth is coming out, making an appearance with the article "Cancer by the Carton," which ran in a 1950 issue of the *Readers Digest*. This was followed in 1952 by a report in the *British Medical Journal* that showed a close correlation between heavy smoking and cancer.

Recent independent but reliable sources in the United States have confirmed these disclosures. People now know that smoking results in the possibility of malignant cancer developing. Medical authority and cigarette manufacturers are finding it impossible to longer conceal the facts.

This break in the dike of censorship may quite easily result in other independent but thoroughly reliable medical and chemical researchers to rid

themselves of their censorship handcuffs. Total and complete liquidation of the tyranny of the American Medical Association and its domination of the United States Public Health Service is long over due.

The expression popularly used, "finding the cause of cancer" is totally misleading. We know the causes of cancer! Absorption by the tissues of the carcinogenic tars from smoking is but one of them. What is not definitely known is why some individuals are predisposed and others not; what it takes to identify and prevent the disease in individuals so predisposed; and what the cure is for the cancer in the later stages. The use of X-ray and radium, as well as radical surgery, are not preventative or curative, and in many cases do more harm than good. If these were really cures, medical authorities would not be openly soliciting and accepting millions to finance finding a cure.

We are being advised to leave these matters to the experts. The cancer experts! Just how one becomes an "expert" on something which they admit they know very little about and have no cure for requires submergence of any logical reasoning or understanding. It is only compatible with a reasoned program of planned confusion.

In closing I would add that I hold myself personally responsible for the integrity of every word in the present paper. After more than two decades, specializing in this field, I sometimes feel that I am getting my fill of bucking the organized minority in an attempt to break the censorship. I found exposing Communism and the Communist conspiracy in Washington in advance of public opinion to be a thankless task — the result being my indictment on the false charge of sedition.

I can now only hope that being vindicated by the facts and later developments, since everyone now fights Communism ... that I will not again be subjected to such an annoyance before again being vindicated in dragging cancer facts out where they can be looked over by the public.

If the reader knows what's good for him, he will stay clear of smoking, particularly the cigarette, which is usually inhaled. In the long run they are pure poison.

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SOME PEOPLE seem to be laboring under the misapprehension that God is a respecter of persons where the interests of Ishmael and his Arabic descendants are involved — whereas, Peter clearly stated after his experience at Joppa, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

Abraham cried in the presence of the Lord: "O that Ishmael might live before thee!" and the response to his plea is recorded in Genesis 17:20 . . .

"And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, *I have blessed him*, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation."

Note well this reply. It should set us straight in some of our wrong thinking. The Arabs have not been forsaken by God. They are in the path of blessing, assuring glory to His Name. The only agency by which this can be brought about is through sharing with them the message of redeeming love.

Members of this fine race were present at Pentecost for the founding of the Church, according to Acts 2:11. Christians should entertain no prejudices against them. The soul of every Arab in the world is precious in the sight of God.

No grounds exist for supposing that

God entertains spite towards some races and preferment for others. There is no such thing as racial salvation. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" . . . and this makes every human being, regardless of nationality, a potential recipient of sovereign grace.

ARABS IN SCRIPTURE

Moses loved the Arabians. He married one of them, Zipporah, the daughter of Reuel "the priest of Midian." Surely this was not a chance union. God prepared Moses for his later ministry by placing him among the Arabs. For forty years the future law giver tended sheep in the desert. His faithful partner through those years was an Arab lady. No, we must not push the Arabs aside. Moses was grateful. Let us be grateful, too.

Solomon had great respect for the Arabians. To his court came the Queen of Sheba. She gave him a kingly present of \$3,490,200 in gold. (II Chronicles 9:9) She also gave Solomon "of spices great abundance, and precious stones."

Incidentally, the town of Jowf that I visited in North Arabia, is on that old spice trail. Through it came camel caravans laden with treasures for Jerusalem. They passed through the region of Zophar's home, Job's third comforter.

Any Arab will tell you that Solomon became a donor to their race through

this Queen. Sheba was in Arabia. Job 6:10 mentions Tema (Teima) and Sheba together. Teima is in Arabia as we shall see. Sheba is too, as indicated by the early genealogy of that family. (Genesis 25:3) The royal blood of Solomon's line (with all its implications) mingled with the race of the Arabians.

Following the example of the Queen of Sheba, the Arabian, "All the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon." (II Chronicles 9:14)

Paul did not shun the Arabians. Where did he go in obedience to the divine leading when preparing for his great ministry? Let him speak for himself, as recorded in Galatians 1:17: "Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus."

The Arabs were evidently friendly to the Gospel in Paul's time. Church history records that they have responded nobly in the earlier centuries. If their attitude has not been as responsive in recent years, perhaps the missionary organizations of the Church are at fault. A little more humility of approach on our part will certainly be blessed of God, Who blessed Ishmael.



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BEYOND THE SAND DUNES

Great barriers of drifting sand, the dunes, surround various approaches to Arabia. The highest are in the South where explorers have encountered waves of pure sand reaching a height of 150 feet.

On each of my three trips into "the least known Peninsula in the world," I managed to get through the lesser dunes in the North. Good Arab guides steered us.

Beyond the dunes lie great plains of sage and rock. Where the natural down grade of the land makes a channel for ground water, an oasis will spring up. Through centuries of time, Arabs have lived near the water sources. Without water they would perish. Are we not indebted to give them also the Water of Life?

Arabia is a country of approximately eight million people. You may travel for a hundred miles without seeing anything but barren desert. Then suddenly you round a ridge and find yourself at the gates of a city that was ancient a thousand years before America was discovered.

Damascus is believed to be the oldest city of continuous habitation in the world. Teima, a town in North Arabia, should be counted a close second. It was founded by one of Ishmael's sons. (Genesis 25:15) It is spelled Tema on a modern map. Modern Arabs call it Teima just as did their great great grandfathers.

The first European to visit Teima was Dr. Doughty, a brave man, who by reason of his medical skill made friends with the Arabs and reached that distant inland city nearly a hundred years ago.

The first missionaries to visit Teima were my two friends, George and Orville. I was to have gone with George but an emergency prevented me. Orville took my place. They journeyed in the same sturdy car that had taken me across to Jowf, a short time earlier. About twenty miles from their goal, the car axle broke. With the Syrian driver they walked through desert heat almost exhausted. They finally made it to Teima.

The Governor gave them a very fine welcome. In the cool of the late afternoon they walked in a beautiful grove of date palm trees. They watched camels

drawing water from the gigantic well on four sides at once. Job probably referred to this well when he spoke of the water of Teima. (I believe Job lived in Jowf, north of Teima.) See Job 6:19 and Isaiah 21:14.

Job's three comforters were, of course, Arabians. The first, Eliphaz, came from Teima, for he is described as "Eliphaz the Temanite."

Bildad, the second comforter, was a Shuhite according to Job 18:1. This means that he came from the eastern side of the desert. He was a descendant of Shush, a son of Abraham by Keturah, who was sent "eastward, unto the east country." (Genesis 25:2-6)

The third comforter, Zophar the Naamathite, came from the region of the Ammonites. Amman, the modern capital of Jordan, may well have been his home for through it flows an abundant water supply.

OVER THE DUNES BY CAR

We shall now return to the narrative of the missionaries crossing sand dunes by automobile, on their way to Teima. They needed a new axle for their car. A man was dispatched across the desert by fast camel. A baggage camel may plod along at the rate of ten miles a day. A valuable racing camel, the *delul*, can cover 50 or more miles in the same period.

In his book on Arabia, Lowell Thomas describes a prize camel used by Colonel Lawrence, the war-time friend of the Arabs. It could go nearly 100 miles in a day when pressed hard. The messenger was gone 26 days and returned with an axle that, in due time, made the car again fit for use.

Meanwhile, the Syrian driver took down with typhoid. George, as leader of the expedition, was very anxious about him. If the driver died in Arabia, what would they be able to tell his relatives? Tenderly he nursed him with his own hands. The man did not die; George's many prayers were answered.

After several days the time came for the party to leave Teima and start home across the roadless desert. Their chief guide came from a camp about half way home. There they left him amid the black goat hair tents. He was the sheik of this little group. A banquet was given for George and his party. A young camel was butchered as a special treat.

Following the feast, George spoke to the assembled group. Their guide, the sheik, to George's great surprise and delight, accepted the Saviour. Under the desert stars a wonderful prayer meeting was conducted. With natural curiosity George asked just what part of his message had the sheik heeded most. What was it of the many messages George had given back at Teima, too, that had persuaded the guide to become a Christian?

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of the desert, "it really wasn't anything you said that persuaded me to make the decision. I never understood who Christ was until I saw Him in you when you were so tenderly nursing that sick driver in Teima."

This Arab decided to become a Christian because he wanted to be like the Christ Who loved through others.

FULFILLED ALSO THROUGH ISHMAEL

According to Genesis 12:2, God made an important covenant with Abraham relating to his posterity. In the three following chapters, the covenant is confirmed and explained more fully. Abraham was told about four thousand years ago, "I will make of thee a great nation."

Reading recently in a Scofield Reference Bible, I came upon a footnote on page 25, which riveted my attention. The Abrahamic covenant is the topic of discussion, and we find Dr. Scofield saying:

"Fulfilled also through Ishmael"

which is of course true — but a fact ignored by many Bible students.

The name Ishmael means, "God shall hear." In their own way, Arabs are these days crying to God out of great pain, suffering and sorrow. A million and a half of these people, driven from their homes, are languishing as refugees in Middle East countries. Their state is heart-rending.

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"When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the

King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:38-40)

The Lord loved Ishmael. By a miracle He provided him and his mother with water in the desert. He sent an angel to comfort them. This messenger said: "He shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." (Genesis 16:12) That is surely a rebuke to the glib statements of

some so-called Christians who would readily consent to the Arabs being driven out of the land of their blood relatives that strive with them.

There is a greater authority than the Scofield Bible. In Genesis 16:10 we read: "And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude." That, of course, refers to God's providential care of the Arabic race.

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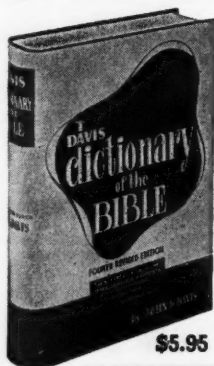
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PROPAGANDA IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS

Verne P. Kaub ... Meador Publishing Company, cloth binding, 200 pages, price \$2.50.

THE COMPLETE title of this book is, "Communist-Socialist Propaganda in American Schools." The Author is President of the American Council of Christian Laymen.

Prior to assuming leadership of this religious and patriotic organization, which functions on a nation-wide scale, he was for more than 20 years active in areas of secular journalism. Always proud to be known as a Christian, and being a firm believer in the American Constitutional system, his magazine and newspaper writings reflected under-

standing and conviction. His services were in high demand in this field.

Observing ominous trends in Church and School, he decided to put other things aside and throw himself into the task of helping stem the Leftist tide. In the present volume, he shows himself to be an honest man, a shrewd investigator, a careful analyst and a brilliant writer. He hits hard, tells the truth, asks no quarter and gives none.

That a plan was mapped years ago for infiltrating the teaching profession and American school system with leftist doctrines, no informed and intellectually honest person denies. That the scheme has succeeded beyond what even its organizers thought possible, must be admitted.

Mr. Kaub starts at the top by showing the methods used for capturing the principal policy-making body of the teaching groups, which is the National Education Association. Much of his book is a case study of official publications circulated by this organization and its subsidiary commissions, committees, departments and divisions. Straight-thinking Americans will be shocked at the disclosures.

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After reproducing a series of outright Communist quotations from National Education Association literature, Mr. Kaub says: "Christian parents will repudiate this philosophy when they be-

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come aware that it is being taught to their children." Page 122.

"Insofar as teachers listen to and follow leaders who have accepted the Marxian theory of a mechanistic social system and thereby deny the possibility that men can be free if they will to be free, the schools in their charge are unworthy of the confidence of parents who naturally assume that schools in America are functioning as American schools." Page 130.

No review can do this book justice. It must be handled, studied and read in its entirety, to be properly evaluated. Every chapter is documented. Its useful features include a comprehensive Index.

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Opening the book at random ... letting the pages fall open where they will, page 207 comes into view. Your reviewer notices that the number of the Outline starting at the top of the page is 442, the division is "H" and the subject is "House." The presentation is as follows:

442. HOUSE

1. The secure house of character is built on the Word of the Lord — Luke 6:48.
2. The swept house of reformation, lacking the saving presence of Christ — Luke 11:25.
3. The believing house of faith, a Heaven on earth — John 4:53.
4. The perfumed house of love. What every home should be — John 12:3.
5. The earthly house of the body, and heavenly house of glory — II Cor. 5:1.
6. The great house of Christendom, with its diversified vessels — II Tim. 2:20.
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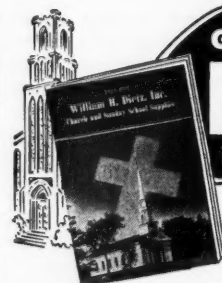
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Through the untiring efforts of this good man and native co-workers, coupled with the prayers and financial support of Bible-believing Christians here in the States, Defender Churches large and small, now dot the entire Island. Worship-centers were organized faster in 1953, than financial support could be arranged.

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Defender Churches and Sunday Schools have been established in Ciudad Trujillo (the old city of Santo Domingo) and several other Dominican cities and rural districts. Dr. A. Smester, a trained native leader, is chairman of Defender Missions in that Country. He lives a busy life, making frequent trips into the interior in addition to directing the work in Ciudad Trujillo, which includes the supervision of a school recently established for teaching small children.

WEST AFRICA

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CUBA

The average Christian in the United States has little understanding of the startling contrasts which exist between life on the mainland, and living conditions just ninety minutes flying time offshore.

Living conditions in the interior are crude, raw and barren of the scantiest comforts. Thousands of illegitimate children roam the country, begging and stealing. Young people find employment difficult and are subject to many vices. Parents are held by a fatalistic lethargy. They are born, they live and die as their foreparents did for generations back. Only the Gospel of Christ can liberate souls thus bound by fetters of sin.

In 1936 the Defender Missionary Department associated itself with Rev. Arthur W. Pain in Cuba, and has through the years assisted his organization ... which includes a Spanish-language radio ministry, a Bible training Institute, colportage work, tent evangelism and the organizing of interior worship centers.

MEXICO

Mexico is an Indian country. Its great leaders have been, for most part, of this nationality. The people possess many fine traits of character. But a woe-filled need of the Gospel exists among them.

The Defenders organization helps to maintain and support a worthy work at Zimapan, north of Mexico City. It also covers a large part of the country by radio, through nightly broadcasts over a chain of super-power Mexican border stations.

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Then, through the testimony of a Christian nurse, he heard the story of salvation, accepted Christ and was miraculously converted. Later, when his wife saw him reading the New Testament, she left and never returned. Knowing that his loved ones were lost, he began to preach Christ to them. They promptly had him arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

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NEW YORK SPANISH CHURCHES

There are now four Spanish Defender Churches in New York City and Brooklyn.

Adverse economic conditions, overpopulation and unemployment causes several thousand Puerto Ricans to leave the Island every year in search of better opportunities. They have free entry to the United States and most of them do not get further than New York City. Only a small percentage bring with them any knowledge of the Bible.

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CHICAGO CHURCH

There is a community of several hundred Puerto Rican families in Chicago. A Spanish Defender Church was organized among them during 1953 ... with Rev. Jose Santiago, a graduate of the Seminary in Puerto Rico, serving as Pastor. This Gospel center, now in its infancy, has a promising future.

MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES

Detailed announcements will be made in an early *Defender* about the new missionary project launched in the Middle East countries during the latter part of 1953. Suffice to say that Dr. John R. Turnbull, well known to readers of this magazine, is now on the field.

His first assignment was to organize relief work and a soul-winning ministry among poverty-stricken Arabs languishing in refugee camps. Reports indicate that desired results along these lines are being realized. Plans call for the establishment of an orphanage, hospital and many Defender churches in that part of the world. Dr. Turnbull is a qualified leader for the task.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON NUMBER ONE

January 17, 1954

CHRIST TALKS WITH NICODEMUS

John, Chapter 3

MEMORY TEXT: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "BORN."

The pattern of the lesson as a whole is as follows:

- A. Christ's rendezvous with Nicodemus. John 3:1-2.
- B. The doctrine of the new birth proclaimed. John 3:3.
- C. The experience of the new birth explained. John 3:4-12.
- D. Christ the source of eternal life. John 3:16.
- E. The pre-eminence of Christ. John 3:22-26.

Nicodemus, whose inquiry of the Christ brought forth the sublime teachings of today's lesson, was a noble soul. Some recognize him as Nicodemus Ben Gorion, the brother of Josephus the historian. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, the vicious Talmudic judicial body that finally sent our Lord to death in violation of both Jewish and Roman law.

As far as can be known, Nicodemus was the only one of the Sanhedrin group who had sufficient courage to protest this travesty on justice. His association with Jesus, first secret and later public, resulted in great persecution. Fellow Jews sought to bring about his ruination.

Tradition says that at the time of his visit to Christ under cover of darkness, he was counted one of the three richest men in Jerusalem. He was afterward reduced to such poverty that his daughter was seen gathering barleycorn for food from under horses' feet.

From reading John 7:40-52 we learn that Nicodemus was taunted by other members of the Sanhedrin for his defense of Christ. Finally, after the crucifixion, he assisted in our Lord's burial, bringing a costly mixture of myrrh and aloes. It is also stated that after publicly associating himself with the apostles, he was baptized by Peter.

Nicodemus' salvation on the occasion of the secret rendezvous shows that after an inward struggle, he had satisfied himself as to Christ's deity. The confession was threefold: (1) his Host was a teacher, (2) sent from God (3) whose miracles left no doubt as to the validity of His claims.

If one has a farm problem, he will consult a farmer. If one has a legal matter demanding solution, he will consult a lawyer. Nicodemus was concerned about eternal life and went to the source of highest authority. He was stunned by the Master's words: "Ye must be born again." The word *born* appears eight times in the text of today's lesson.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS JOHN 3:3.

"Jesus answered, and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Notice the potent word "Except." This blunt, almost curt reply, was plainly meant to shake the whole edifice of Nicodemus' religion, in order to lay a deeper and more enduring foundation. His spiritual vision had to be rectified by an entire revolution of the inner man.

Despite his learning and religious profession, he was ignorant of the one great essential. Had the man been less sincere, this direct approach would have repelled him. Jesus wanted to see if he really meant business!

The new birth, like the physical birth, is a mystery. The processes of life, both natural and eternal, are beyond finite comprehension. Man's obviously depraved state, emphasizes the necessity of inner reconstruction.

A teacher of a Sunday School class of boys asked: "Do your parents ever have to make you be good?" "Yes," was the answer in a chorus. Then the teacher asked: "Do your parents ever have to make you be bad?" "No."

"How does it happen that your parents have to make you be good, but they don't have to make you be bad?" To which a bright youngster replied: "It's because a fellow is just naturally born crooked." Because man is born wrong the first time, he needs a second birth to be born right.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

The laws that govern the motion of the winds are even yet but partially discovered. Their risings, fallings and changes in direction many times a day, remain a mystery to us. So with regard to the operation of the Holy Spirit in the new birth.

But the effect, "the sound" of the wind, is clearly discernable. So also the Holy Spirit produces visible results in the character of the recipient. In the trees, in the waves, "thou hearest the sound thereof." And in the life of the twice-born believer, we observe results, fruits... "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self control."

(3) THE KEY FACT: CHRIST IS ABOVE ALL.

The second half of the chapter, comprising today's lesson, contains the final witness of John the Baptist. This is the last appearance of the harbinger in the New Testament record, until he stands before Herod condemning the monarch for his evil life.

Referring to Christ's position in the Godhead, John says: "He that cometh from above is above all."

Christ is above all in the fact of His pre-existence before coming to earth, in the supernaturalism of His incarnation, in the sinlessness of the life He lived while in the flesh, in His complete triumph over the world and Satan, in His demonstrated power over nature, disease, demons and death, in the unequalled quality of His teachings, in His relationship with God as the only be-

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gotten Son, in His resurrection, in the fact that He is the Head of the Church ... and the reconciliation He effected between God and man through His vicarious death.

In His "above all" position, He is the source of eternal life which the believer receives through the experience of the New Birth. John 3:16.

LESSON NUMBER TWO

January 24, 1954

SAMARITANS ACCEPT CHRIST

John 4:1-42

MEMORY TEXT: "We have heard ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." John 4:42.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "WATER."

The general plan of the lesson is as follows:

- A. A Samaritan comes seeking physical water but actually receives the Water of Life. John 4:1-13.
- B. A Samaritan is converted and hastens to tell others. John 4:14-29.
- C. A Samaritan group hears Christ preach a missionary sermon. John 4:30-33.
- D. A Samaritan city is visited with a revival. John 4:39-42.

Let us visualize a map of Palestine showing how the land was divided in New Testament times. Samaria, the scene of today's lesson, was located between Judea in the South and Galilee in the North—its bounds extending from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River.

Jews occupied Judea and Galilee, but none lived in Samaria. They hated the Samaritans and assumed an arrogant attitude toward them. No Jew would go

into Samaria of his own accord, and if compelled to do so by some unavoidable circumstance, considered himself defiled.

Jesus entertained no such antipathy. In fact, He showed a special interest in Samaria. We read that "He *must* needs go through Samaria." This little, obscure word, *must*, speaks volumes. Jesus loved Samaritans. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) and the healing of the Samaritan leper (Luke 17:15-19) so indicate.

The Master was in Judea, preparing to leave for Galilee in the north. By simply stepping across the Jordan and following the trail along the eastern side, He could have avoided the Samaritans. But He *must* carry the message of redeeming love to all men without regard to racial barriers.

When the woman at the well spoke of Him as being a Jew (verse 9), He immediately asserted His claim to deity. Let those who attribute nationality to the divine Saviour, take note of this fact.

An analogy is drawn between natural water, so pleasant to the palate ... and the spiritual flow into the soul that quenches man's inner thirst for God.

Natural water, coming to us from without, reaches only the superficial parts of our nature, is soon spent and has to be replenished. The "water" — spiritual life, which Christ gives, reaches the very depths of our being, making the soul not a cistern for holding water poured into it from without, but a fountain springing, gushing, bubbling up and flowing forth within, ever fresh, ever living.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS JOHN 4:26.

"Jesus saith unto her, I that speak to thee am he."

The Samaritan race was founded seven centuries before Christ by intermarriage between settlers from Babylon and

indigenous Jews. Their principal city was Samaria, now called Shechem. They took the books of Moses as the basis of their religion and were true worshippers of Jehovah. A small remnant of Samaritans is still in existence today, numbering about 150 souls, residing at Shechem.

Despite the profligate life that the woman of the narrative was living, she possessed an intellectual grasp upon religious things. That she had heard Samaritan priests read and teach from the prophets, is indicated by her knowledge "that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ."

A spirit of expectancy existed among these people, that the coming of the Redeemer was at hand. Instead of rejecting Him as did the Jews, they were eager to accept.

Unlike many of our light, fickle and frivolous conversations, those of Christ were always concerned with matters of great and eternal importance. The remarks exchanged between Christ and the woman at the well started on what might be called an earthly level — concerning thirst, drink, Samaritans and Jews. Then Jesus lifted it to a high spiritual plane by explaining the true meaning of worship and the sublime statement that, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

The trend of the conversation moved toward one particular point of emphasis, namely, a plain declaration by the Christ regarding His deity. "I that speak to thee am he." Someone has said: "Jesus Christ is all the God that men may ever expect to see in human form on this planet."

(3) THE KEY FACT: CHRIST ALONE CAN SATISFY THE THIRST OF THE SOUL.

Man is stamped indelibly with a worshipful instinct. Human beings, world around, are praying — whether on the banks of the Ganges, chanting at Buddha's shrines, kneeling with face toward Mecca, in prostration before an idol or engaging in divine worship in Christian lands. Even the atheist is a religious man, trying to satisfy his soul thirst with a negation.

Today's lesson reminds us that the greatest achievement in life is to know God experientially.

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LESSON NUMBER THREE

January 31, 1954

WORKING WITH GOD

John 4:43-5:47

MEMORY TEXT: "I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "SIGNS."

The general plan of the lesson for today is as follows:

- Christ's northern ministry in Galilee. John 4:43-47.
- Christ's claims confirmed by signs and wonders. John 4:48.
- Christ's healing power placed at the disposal of a man of the upper classes. John 4:49-54.
- Christ's southern ministry in Judea. John 5:1.
- Christ's healing power placed at the disposal of a man of the lower classes. John 5:2-17.
- Christ's Jewish enemies angered by His claims to deity, seek a way to kill Him. John 5:18.
- Christ's teachings on a variety of subjects. John 5:19-47.

The Scriptural passages under consideration deal with our Lord's healing ministry in both Galilee on the north and Judea to the south. We read that, "The Galileans received him." He enjoyed a much better reception in the north than the south. He alludes to His miracles as "signs and wonders."

Peter's Pentecostal indictment of Jewish leaders included a similar reference: "Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man of God approved among you by miracles and wonders and signs..." His superlative teachings were confirmed by supernatural works. Of the seven signs recorded in the Fourth Gospel, four took place in Galilee and three in Judea.

The delivering of the Nobleman's son from an ailment that appeared fatal, was the first of our Lord's recorded healing miracles. It took place at Cana, where He had changed water into wine a short time earlier, 25 miles from His favorite place of abode, Capernaum.

We have here an example of Christ responding to imperfect knowledge and weak faith. His grace covered all the spiritual frailties of the heartbroken father.

"Faith has not come to its full fruition. The nobleman has not yet become a disciple of Jesus. But there is born in his heart a confidence, created by the presence, the personality, the power of Christ. He came speculatively, out of love for his boy. He goes, hoping, with full confidence in his heart." — G. Campbell Morgan.

The dying boy was in Capernaum. Christ spoke the healing word from Cana. The health-giving current covered the distance quicker than lightning and the disease was arrested.

On his way home, the Nobleman was met by servants with glad news of his son's recovery. A check on the time showed that the miracle took place at the very instant when Christ had said: "Go thy way; thy son liveth."

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS JOHN 5:17.

"My father worketh hitherto, and I work."

The man from Capernaum was definitely of the upper classes — a courtier, king's servant or one connected in some other way with a royal household. The Greek word translated Nobleman means either one born of royal blood, or an official in the service of a king or emperor.

Sorrow drove him to Christ. Suffering that produces this result must be regarded as good.

Returning south to Jerusalem, our Lord chose a man of the lower, the very lowest levels of society, to be the recipient of His grace. The Nobleman came to Christ... but Christ went to the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda.

One expositor says: "We see Him deliberately picking out a notoriously hard case, perhaps the worst in that whole motley collection of distorted humanity."

Why should the Master have asked the poor creature if he wanted to "be made whole?" That was obvious. The reason was (1) the man's will needed to be geared to the Infinite will, (2) Jesus wished attention fixed upon Himself as Healer and Saviour and (3) to begot hope in his desponding heart.

Jews protested when Jesus told the happy man to pick up his little pallet

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and go home. Dr. Trench says: "By the term 'the Jews' we understand here, as constantly in St. John, not the multitude, but the Sanhedrists." More correctly, the Talmudists, because it was the Talmud in ancient times, the same as today, that blinded the Jews and caused them to commit atrocious crimes!

They used the charge of Sabbath breaking as a pretext to conceal their innate and anti-Christ attitude. A widely used Sunday School Commentary offers this note: "The very words of the Jews to this restored man are a revelation of the hardness of their own hearts. They have no word of congratulation for the healed man; they do not rejoice with him in his glorious restoration; they do not discuss the possibilities that the one who healed him was Jesus, the Messiah of God."

In our key verse, the Saviour (1) asserts the fact of His deity, (2) refers to the perpetual processes of creation as the workings of the Creator and (3) identifies Himself with the program.

The Jamieson, Fausett & Brown Commentary says: "The 'I' is emphatic. The creative and conservative activity of My Father has known no sabbath cessation from the beginning until now, and that is the law of My workings."

(3) THE KEY FACT: JESUS WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD.

Peter, a constant associate of our Lord says in Acts 10:38 that He "went about doing good." The events of today's lesson support this announcement.

While we cannot expect to duplicate His demonstrations of supernatural power, yet it is a responsibility with us, to emulate His example of *willingness to serve*, to the best of our ability. He lived an utterly unselfish life—a life for others, and the closer we walk with Him, the more perfectly will this spirit of compassion find expression in and through us.

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LESSON NUMBER FOUR

February 7, 1954

CHRIST IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

John, Chapter 6

MEMORY TEXT: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "BREAD."

The general plan of the lesson for today is as follows:

- A. Jesus feeds five thousand. John 6:1-14.
- B. Jesus walks on the waves. John 6:15-21.
- C. Jesus teaches the importance of the eternal over the natural. John 6:22-29.
- D. Jesus proclaims Himself the Bread of Life. John 6:30-59.
- E. Jesus forsaken by some, acclaimed by others. John 6:60-71.

We have before us one of the most mysterious passages in the entire Word of God. Two stupendous miracles are brought into focus, accompanied by a profound discourse dealing with the subject of eternal life.

The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle Christ performed, recorded by all four Evangelists (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17). As a test of Philip's faith, the Master inquired if they had enough money to buy food for the multitude. An inventory showed less than 50 American dollars!

The crisis of the miracle came after the people were seated on the grass at the water's edge (the Sea of Galilee), and Jesus taking the few pieces of fish and biscuits, closed His eyes, raised His face toward heaven, and gave "thanks." The Greek word behind the English "thanks" is *eucharisteo*, from which the Church acquired the technical and theological term Eucharist, meaning the Lord's Supper.

(There is an intimate connection between the discourse on the Bread of Life and the Sacrament of the Supper.)

At this point, after feeding the multitude, the narrative dealing with Bread—natural and supernatural, is interrupted to record an incident that occurred at sea the same night.

Jesus had gone, during the evening, to a desert place to escape the throngs of people who, mistaking His mission, wanted to make Him a king. The disciples boarded a ship, in His absence, and started across the Sea of Galilee toward Capernaum.

A storm rose, and when death stared them in the face, Jesus came walking on the waves, calmed the angry elements and entered the boat. With the Lord of Nature inside, the craft glided calmly through unruffled waters. Which reminds us of Job 9:8, speaking of God's unique power to "tread upon the waves of the sea" . . . and Proverbs 30:4, "Who hath gathered the winds in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment?"

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS JOHN 6:48.

"I am the bread of life."

The day after the feeding of the multitude and quieting of the storm at night, found Christ speaking to a crowd that followed Him to the synagogue at Capernaum. "Ye seek me," said He, "because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled."

Thereupon, He took two breads, the perishing and the living bread, for the subject of a profound and extraordinary discourse. Christ is to the soul, what bread is to the body.

A well known writer says: "As the body requires for its support this daily bread of earth, material outside of itself, since it has not the principle of its continuance in itself and is dependent on such supply, so the soul requires for its support Christ, an object outside of itself, not having the principle of life in itself, depending on the fulness which Christ and Christ alone affords."

"The bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." In these words, the Saviour introduced His sacrificial death as the very element which would possess life-giving virtue.

We eat His flesh when we take out of His life and death the spiritual nutriment that is actually there; when we live so close to Him that His nature, through the Holy Spirit, becomes substituted for the limitations of human nature.

(3) THE KEY FACT: CHRISTIANITY IS SUPERNATURALISM.

If the text of today's lesson were to appear in the pages of some book other

than the Bible, attributed to some person other than Christ, the speaker would be regarded as beside himself. Everyone would accuse him of assuming prerogatives that no human could truthfully claim.

This would be true. But with Christ, very God incarnate, it is different! The validity of His claims are authenticated by deeds equally remarkable. The miracles He performed were tokens of a presence and power higher than human levels.

The religion that bears His name makes the same basic claim. Every fundamental of historical and evangelical Christianity involves the supernatural. Christianity is supernaturalism.

LESSON NUMBER FIVE

February 14, 1954
IS THIS THE CHRIST?
John, Chapters 7 & 8

MEMORY TEXT: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "DIVISION."

The general plan of the lesson for today is as follows:

- A. Christ threatened. John 7:1-9.
- B. Christ debated. John 7:10-43.
- C. Christ defended. John 7:44-53.
- D. Christ insulted. John 8:33-56.
- E. Christ rejected. John 8:59.
- F. Christ's pre-existence proclaimed. John 8:57-58.
- G. Christ the light of the world. John 8:12.

A debate of tremendous importance, regarding the person of Christ, is recorded in today's text. The religious festival then in progress, brought a multitude of people into Jerusalem, from places throughout the civilized world. If properly instructed regarding the person and work of Christ, they could be expected to carry the truth back to their respective communities.

There was a great expectancy among the crowd in advance of His appearance. Jewish leaders organized to oppose and destroy Him. Some said He was a good man. Others condemned Him as a deceiver.

The charges lodged against Him in these two chapters included the following: He led people astray, 7:12. He was possessed of a demon, 7:12; 8:48, 52. He falsified His record, 8:13. He

was accused by inference of being born in fornication, John 8:41. He was a Samaritan, 8:48.

Reaching Jerusalem, Jesus went directly to the Temple area and began to teach. People were astonished, entranced by His words. The Talmudists tried to discredit Him by demanding to know by what authority He spoke. "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?"

The Lord took time out to answer by saying (1) that His teaching was from God and (2) that anyone sincerely wishing to know the truth would be divinely guided. John 7:14-17.

"So there was *division* among the people because of him." John 7:43. This division extended up among the leaders of the Sanhedrin.

When soldiers were sent to arrest the Master, they returned empty handed, explaining how the magic of His words held them spellbound. Nicodemus, a member of the high tribunal, took a legal approach in defending Him. He was greeted with sneers and jeers.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS JOHN 8:19.

"Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father?"

This question was meant to be a taunt and an insult. It was asked for the sole purpose of embarrassing Him before the people. They were familiar with the report that He had no human father. The virgin birth was a subject of discussion when He was on earth — the same as it is today.

Enemies used the question as a sly way for making Him appear to be an inferior person. They were attributing bastardy to His birth.

The key verse of today's lesson is of utmost importance because the doctrine of Christ's deity stands or falls, depending upon the validity of the virgin birth. Human parents could have produced only a human being.

(3) THE KEY FACT: JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Our Lord came to earth in an age of moral and spiritual darkness. Wherever He went, new light broke upon the hearts and minds of those who were willing to receive Him. There are numerous New Testament instances, of lives being transformed and lifted to higher levels, by this contact. And light consistent with that which emanated from His personality has been manifested to the world, during the intervening centuries, through the Gospel that bears His name.

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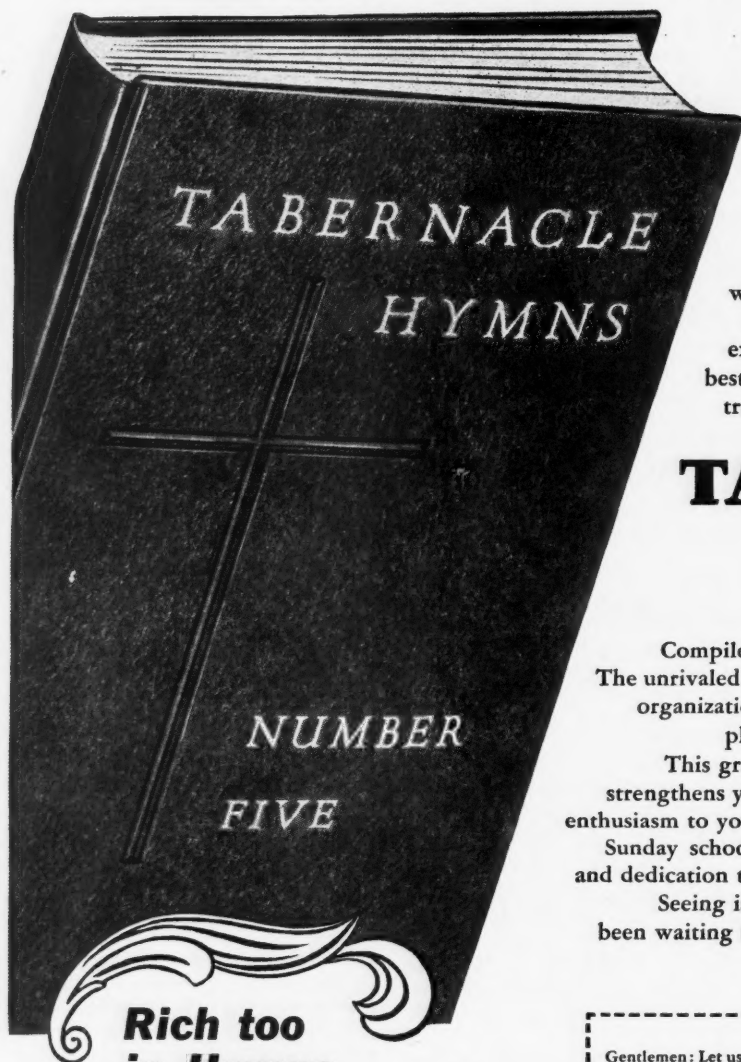
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